The Cat

Came

Back

Because there was no place like the

Clairette

home where they used



The Story of a Big. Pretty Sister and Her Awkward, Bashful Young Brother.

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The bright June light shone auross the closely trimmed lawn, over the many colored flowers in their well kept hels, and through the sparkling water as it rose and fell in the marble basin of the fountain.

The carriage turned the curve at the corner of the house—the corner where stood the old maple tree—and a moment later I was in my mother's arms, her warm kies on my lips, while her dear voice said. Welcome home, my daughter? One long, loving embrace, and then I turned in surprise to meet a tall, bashful boy, who regarded me with a balf timid, half wistful expression on his face.

"Freddle?" I exclaimed, "how fanny you look! Can it be possible that yon are the little boy I left in knee pants and Jackets."

He blushed as I looked over him, laughing—but he looked up in my face as I kissed him, and said with a quiver on his lips—I did not think much of it then, but I cannot forget it now—'I was so homeseks for you, Mamie. You don't look funny, only so pretty it most takes my breath away."

I laughed merrily in reply, and ran on into the house to see all the familiar belongings that hever seemed half so dear before, and the new ones that had become installed during the two years of my absence. Story of a Rig, Pretty Sister and Her

by moonlight.

I felt no misgivings about going, as nurse attended to the housekeeping in my mother's absence and I was accustomed to coming and going much as I pleased.

The day was perfect and the drive out delightful. I was unusually light-hearted and merry that day.

But when we prepared for the ride home in the evening a cloud had enveloped the

A BOY IN THE WEST INDIES.

Charles Brown's Queer school Days, and His Curiosities That Were Far More Interesting Than Collecting Status, and the Frown, hyper-cornered seeds known, and the Frown Interesting Than Collecting Status, and the Frown, hyper-cornered seeds known, and the Frown Interesting Than Collecting Status, and the Frown, hyper-cornered seeds known, and the Frown Interesting Than Collecting Status, and the Frown Interesting Than Collecting Status, and all the Frown Interesting Than Collecting Status, and show and the Frown Interesting Than Collecting Status, and show and the Frown Interesting Than Collecting Status, and show a fine the Status of the Status, and show a fine the Status of the Status, and show a fine the Status of the St my ideas in regard to Freddie's music nyself, in evening when the bell rang he was the parior. I had been singing for ide, and Freddie was sitting by listening i all his soul in his eyes. Fred, "I whispered, as I passed him on way to the door, "I think you had betago out to play; these are Maude's not want to play; these are Maude's not who are coming this evening," e sor up quickly and started toward the listo the back parior. As he passed large rug in the center of the room foot caught and he came near falling Maude's feet.

E gave a little impatient shrue, and I something about being "too awkward ive and always in the way." Freddie's e fushed and his feet could hardly carry out of the room fast enough.

E never came into the parior after that es he was sure that Maude was abt. I learned sometime later that he yed ball with the boys in the neighbor-



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when they came upon a chamber in which coiled up was a mulligong, or duck bill. To my delight near it was the nest and in it two little oblong eggs that reminded me of the occouns of a silk worm.

"This was the most astonishing feature of the expedition, as the eggs were rarely ever found, and think of it, an animal giving milk, yet laying an egg like a reptile! The eggs had evidently just been laid, and were about three-quarters of an inch long and half an inch wide, the shells being strong, flexible and white. We found others. These little creatures are yearly growing more rare and will in the near future, like many of the American animals, become extinct."

C. F. HOLDER. FOSTER ON THE WEATHER.

Temperature.

The Last Days of the Month Will Be Marked by Extremes in

Temperature.

Foster's Local Forecasts.

The storm wave will reach this meridian and the other changes will occur at and within 100 miles of Kansas City within twenty-four hours of 5 p. m. of the dates given below:

June 19—Warmer.

June 10—Storm wave on this meridian.

June 11—Wind changing.

June 13—Moderating.

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June 14—Warmer.

June 15—Storm wave on this meridian.

St. Joseph. Mo., June 8.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from June 12th to 17th and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 18th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 19th, great Central valleys 20th to 22nd and Eastern states 23rd.

This storm wave will inaugurate the warm period of the mouth and the storms will be of more than the usual force.

The storm center will take a northern route and indications of drouth will prevail over the Middle and Southern states, but these drouth conditions will be changed extensively before the close of the month, and copious showers will fall in many places.

The last eight days of June will also be

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The last eight days of June will also be noted for great extremes of temperature with probability of light frosts on the northern borders of the United States. Light frosts in the northern parts of the Northern states in all the summer months is an expected feature of this remarkable crop season.

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Warm wave will cross the west of Rock. les country about the 18th, great Central valleys the 20th and Eastern states the 22nd. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 21st, great Central valleys the 23rd and Eastern states the 25th.

Indications now are that conditions will be favorable to the sowing of fall grain, but calculations are not sufficiently complete to indicate the growing conditions of 1898. I will probably be able to give this information in July of this year.

As promised, I will publish in the bulletin of June 29 the general characteristics of the coming winter which will begin with a very cold December.

A FOOLISH OSTRICH.

He Tried to Make a Meal on a Big Iron Chain.

One of the family of twelve estriches attached to Seils' circus, which has been wintering at River Front park, has gone to his long home, a victim of curiosity and a voracious and indiscriminate appoints. One of the circus attendants brought a lot of chains and whiffletrees from the upper floor and threw them down in front of the estrich pen. All of the chains were attached to the whiffletrees except one, which lay loose among the pile. The attendant left them lying there for awhile, and after he had gone away, one ostrich more curious than the others caught sight of the shining chain. Quick as a flash he darted his long neck through the bars and seized the chain in his bill. He threw it into the inclosure, and his companions stood eyeing him curiously to see what he was going to do with the chain. They were not left long in doubt. He at once began to make a meal of it. Link by link it disappeared down his clastic esophagus. It was very evident that the task was no easy one, for before it got half way down he seemed to repent of his bargain. But he would not give it up, and findly it disappeared altogether. The bird looked around as if in triumph, but its triumph was short-lived. In a few moments he was selzed with paroxysms of pain, and as all ostriches do when sick, he lay down on his stomach on the floor of the pen and stretched out his neck as far as it would reach. Mr. Seils, proprietor of the circus, happened to pass through the animal department and noticed the position of the bird, and at once surmined that he was ill. As the usual troubles from which these birds suffer are indigestion and similar complaints, Mr. Seils gave him the customary remedy—a large dose of castor oil. This, however, had no effect on the bird, which continued to show signs of distress. Nothing that was done gave him any relief, and within a half hour after bolting the chain he turned over on his back and gave his last kick.

Another custom that prevails in circus and menagerie life is He Tried to Make a Meal on a Big Iron

The bird was valued at \$200, and was one of the finest in the flock.—Denver News.

Curious Customs in Japland.

Farm and Fireside: Japanese folks have six or eight pockets cunningly inserted in the curss of their wide sieeves. These pockets are elways filled with a curious miscellany peculiar to the droll little people. As common as twine in Young America's pocket is the prayer amulet written on delicate sheets of free paper and composed by the bonzes. In accordance with the abding and funny faith of Japanese women, these prayers are swallowed, paper and all, like a pill, in all cases of mental and physical distress. Another essential never missing is a number of small squares of silky paper, which are put to the most unexpected purpose—to hold the stem of a lotus or lily, to dry a teacup, wipe away a tear or blow the absurd little nose of the doll-like little women. The very smartest people of Japan use this style of handkerchief for practical purposes, After using, a ball is made of the paper, and it is thrown into the street with diguist.

Many Uses for Mushrooms.

Not only human beings, but cows, sheep, squirrels and many kinds of birds, are found of mushrooms. In many places mushrooms are dried just as our grand-mother an exquisite green which colors the tree on which it grows, and from this wood is manufactured the celebrated Tunbrodge ware. The poor people of Franconia, Germany, dry press and stitch together a certain kind of mushroom, which is then made into garments; and in Bohomia a large round toadstool is dried and the inside removed. It is turned bottom upward, fastened to the wall and used to hold a beautiful trailing vine, which grows in trailing vine, which grows



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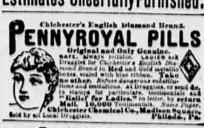
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